

Librarian's Corner



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Notes from the Librarian

Happy 2013 Everyone!
Welcome back students,
parents and staff.



Texas Bluebonnet Award voting is underway! Students (in grades 3-5 only) who have read at least five (5) of the books on the master list will be able to vote for their favorite book and attend a Bluebonnet breakfast in the library on January 31st, the last day for voting. "Get your read on"!



New Year, New Start and New Books! You've asked for more books and new titles and they are on the way thanks to the Book Fair in conjunction with our PTO.



February 7: Author visit to our school

February 24: Jon Scieszka, author of "*The true story of the 3 little pigs*"! and "*Stinky Cheese Man*" will be at Johnson MS on Sunday,

March 1: K-2 Name that Book competition @ MC Williams Middle School

at 12:30pm.



Top 10 books circulated In December

10. Mrs. Yonkers is bonkers!
9. Leprechauns and Irish folklore
8. I'm not a supermouse
7. Captain Underpants and the preposterous plight
6. Darth paper strikes back
5. Miss Nelson is missing
4. AlphaZoo Christmas
3. The seeing stone
2. How to draw crazy fighter planes
1. Miss Holly is too jolly



For Parents

Parent Tip on reading

Parent Question: My son knows all of the letters and the sounds they make. He can look at a word and sound it out, but is not yet able to recognize the sounds as a word. What is the next step to getting him to actually read a word? Am I expecting too much too soon?

Answer: Reading has to be connected to meaning, so try using pictures with individual words or flashcards, because that will be more engaging and have more meaning to him. Young learners need a lot of support, and doing things visually will serve as a bridge

to move to the next level. You can also help him sound a word out by helping him blend the sounds together. For example, if he knows the sounds of the letters in the word "bus," have him repeat those sounds ("b," "u," and "s") over and over until he can say them fast enough that he recognizes the word he's saying.

*excerpt from the phonics webinar
by Kimberly Oliver Burnim*

For more parent tips on reading visit;
<http://www.abcmouse.com/webinar>

Quote of the Month

Libraries aren't just about books. They are about free access to information and intellectual freedom.

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